QUEENSLAND FACTORY STATISTICS.

Preliminary Figures for 1955-56.

Preliminary figures, subject to slight revision, for Queensland factories in 1955-56 are now available. Final figures will be given in a later bulletin.

Approximately 5,342 factories operated, which was an increase of 58 on the previous year. The value of output (goods produced and work done) was £370,089,000, an increase of 3.9 per cent. over the 1954-55 total, while value of production (the excess of output over cost of materials, fuel, repairs, &c.) was £124,867,000, an increase of 4.0 per cent.

During 1955-56 the factories employed, on the average for the whole year, 102,318 persons (including working proprietors), of whom 84,874 were males and 17,444 females. Salaries and wages paid (excluding drawings by working proprietors) amounted to £72,208,000, or nearly seven times the total for 1938-39, the last pre-war year, and 5.7 per cent. more than in 1954-55.

The number of male workers, 84,874, was 1,9 per cent. higher than in the previous year, while female workers, 17,444, showed an increase of 2.6 per cent. Total factory workers reached a peak of 94,579 in 1950-51, then decreased over the next two years, but have risen again in each of the last three years. Male workers after 1950-51 continued to increase each year except in 1952-53 when they remained practically unchanged, and in 1955-56 they reached easily the highest level ever recorded. Females on the other hand decreased substantially in each of the years 1951-52 and 1952-53, and three subsequent rises have brought the 1955-56 total only back to practically the same level as in 1950-51.

Value of production, £124,867,000, was £4,806,000 more than in 1954-55, but in total the increase was only large enough to compensate for the rise in prices. In some classes, however, there were large increases in production, as well as in workers employed. Notable amongst these were industrial metals, machines, &c. (£40,509,000), and paper, printing, &c. (£6,558,000). In the food, drink, &c. group (£37,524,000) there was a small decrease, in spite of higher employment. Value of production by sawmills, joinery, &c. (12,004,000) recorded only a small increase, probably more than accounted for by price rises, and the clothing group (£6,492,000) showed a decrease of over 3 per cent., as well as a similar fall in employment. Of the other more important groups, substantial increases in value of production occurred in chemicals, paints, &c., (£3,919,000), treatment of mine and quarry products (£2,685,000), rubber (£2,498,000), and bricks, pottery, &c. (£1,767,000).

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Queensland Factories - 1938-39 and the Last Four Years.
(Including Heat, Light, and Power Works.)

Particulars.		1938-39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56. (Preliminary).
Establishments	No.	3,087	5,068	5,199	5,284	5,342
Workers[a]-						
Males	No.	43,941	77,627	81,425	83,290	84,874
Females	No.	10,169	15,496	16,694	17,003	17,444
Total	No.	54,110	93,123	98,119	100,293	102,318
Land and Buildings	£1,000	12,299	34,720	40,003	46,187	52,188
Machinery and Plant	£1,000	18,095	51,670	64,160	76,367	83,427
Cost of Materials, Fuel, &c. ..	£1,000	44,020	197,196	222,107	235,955	245,222
Value of Output ..	£1,000	63,321	295,405	332,361	356,016	370,089
Value of Production	£1,000	19,301	98,209	110,254	120,061	124,867
Salaries and Wages[b] -						
Males	£1,000	9,920	51,518	56,607	61,125	64,644
Females ..	£1,000	967	6,073	6,825	7,175	7,564
Total	£1,000	10,887	57,591	63,432	68,300	72,208

a Average over whole year, including working proprietors.
b Excluding amounts drawn by working proprietors.

Queensland Factories - 1955-56 (Preliminary).

Class.	Establishments.	Persons Employed. a	Salaries and Wages. b	Output.	Production.	Land and Buildings.	Machinery and Plant.
	No.	No.	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.
Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	100	1,836	1,408	6,430	2,685	837	2,330
Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	57	1,302	986	2,725	1,767	716	995
Chemicals, Paints, Oils, &c. ..	70	1,782	1,358	11,356	3,919	1,258	1,902
Industrial Metals, Machines, and Conveyances ..	1,906	35,353	25,185	88,169	40,509	13,540	9,341
Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	42	327	193	429	317	112	37
Textiles and Textile Goods (not Dress) ..	29	2,098	1,156	6,204	1,985	676	943
Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear) ..	52	1,293	899	4,391	1,433	290	370
Clothing (except Knitted) ..	532	8,643	4,055	12,435	6,492	2,296	1,135
Food, Drink, and Tobacco	1,034	26,960	21,206	173,608	37,524	18,296	34,682
Sawmilling, Joinery, &c.	823	10,869	7,063	26,862	12,004	2,220	3,527
Furniture of Wood, Bedding, &c. ..	302	2,965	1,668	6,115	2,687	1,024	438
Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, &c. ..	189	5,309	3,828	12,831	6,558	2,281	2,843
Rubber	73	1,784	1,281	6,627	2,498	856	615
Musical Instruments	5	36	22	48	36	6	3
Miscellaneous Products ..	56	606	379	1,091	602	210	112
Total, excluding Heat, Light, and Power ..	5,270	101,163	70,687	359,321	121,016	44,618	59,273
Heat, Light, and Power	72	1,837	1,521	10,768	3,851	7,570	24,154
Total	5,342	103,000	72,208	370,089	124,867	52,188	83,427

a Aggregate of average number during period of operation of each factory, including working proprietors.
b Excluding amounts drawn by working proprietors.